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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
-vs-  
  
Francisco Ruiz-Ponce,  
  
Defendant.

No. 08-6114 M

**ORDER**

Having considered Defendant's Motion to Extend Time and good cause having been shown;

THE COURT makes the following findings:

1. Counsel for defendant has only recently been appointed;
2. The defendant earnestly wishes to consider the plea offer extended by the government;
3. The defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to considering the government's plea offer;
4. The government's plea offer, if accepted by the defendant and then the court, would likely reduce defendant's exposure to a significant term of imprisonment;
5. If the defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to indictment, the government will withdraw said plea offer and any subsequent plea offer after indictment would likely be less advantageous to the defendant;
6. Failure to extend time for indictment in this instance would thus operate to bar defendant from reviewing the government's plea offer in a meaningful way prior to indictment; and,

